trains by private parties keeping in view increasing operation of carrying goods through containers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number and names of the parties to whom permission for operating container trains are being proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All applicants who deposit the requisite registration fee and fulfill the minimum criteria of experience and turn-over/net-worth etc. as per the prescribed policy will be permitted. The registration is open from 16.1.2006 to 15.2.2006.

**Transforming Kotdwara as state of the art railway station**

†85. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an announcement of transforming Kotdwara railway station under Uttaranchal State into state-of-the-art railway station was made by his Ministry;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Kotdwara railway station is a 'D' Category station. For further development of this station, a work costing Rs. 68.37 lakhs was sanctioned in 2003-04 and has now been completed in 2005-06.

**Crimes in trains**

†86. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents that have occurred in the railway compartments during the last two years in which passengers were thrown out of the compartments and misbehaved and women passenger molested by the railway personnel and security personnel;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.